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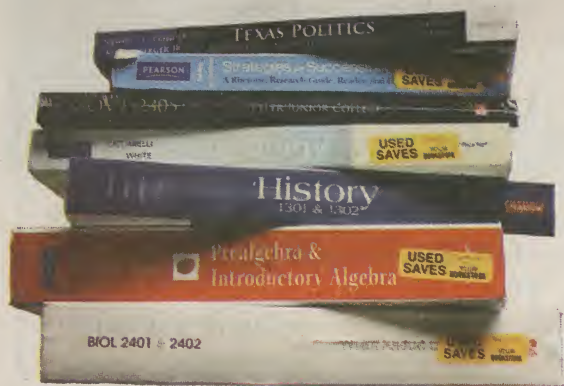
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Custom textbooks offer a lower price and more shelf life



By Taylor Griffin
Editor-in-Chief

Tyler Junior College geology professor Charles Thornton knows what it's like to pay for college textbooks, so to lighten the load a bit for his students, he decided to throw the proverbial textbook out the window.

He made the decision to compile his lecture notes into a book that reflects his presentation material to have a more productive, inexpensive source of information for students, a process that was about three years total in the making for all of his classes. However, he considers it one of his greatest assets in the classroom.

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-Charles Thonton
TJC Professor, Geology

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In fact, students can take his Geology courses for about \$55 in costs for both the lecture notes textbook and lab manual.

The shocking number on a textbook price tag is not all that has Tyler Junior College students dumbfounded. Some

departments have chosen to use custom edition textbooks specifically suited for TJC. However, professors say there's more to the story and debunk the myth that TJC editions force students to shell out more dough than they're worth.

When a brand-new Biology book can cost upwards of a whopping \$200, it's no wonder that students like Devan Costiloe, freshman Education major, assumed that custom TJC textbooks require more of the green stuff. Currently enrolled in United States History I—a class that uses a custom book—she feels they may have some use to certain people, although she is not entirely for them.

"I don't really know why they use them, but it seems more suited to freshman," Costiloe said. "In a way, it might be simpler and condensed than the regular books."

At face value, a higher sticker price on special editions might seem plausible. However, Geoffrey Willbanks, Social Sciences Department Chair at TJC, demonstrates quite the opposite, even proving in students' favor.

"I think it's a big benefit to students. We think it lowers the price, and we're able to hold on to the books longer without having to change editions more frequently," he said. "Holding onto an edition longer is to our advantage."

Typically, publishers print a new edition of a textbook every two years, Willbanks said. Since these publishers only make money off of new books, students must pay a pretty penny for the latest edition that is required for a class.

Willbanks said that if a school like TJC makes a deal with the publisher to purchase custom books in larger quantities, the school is able to salvage those used books about twice as longer than with the national edition.

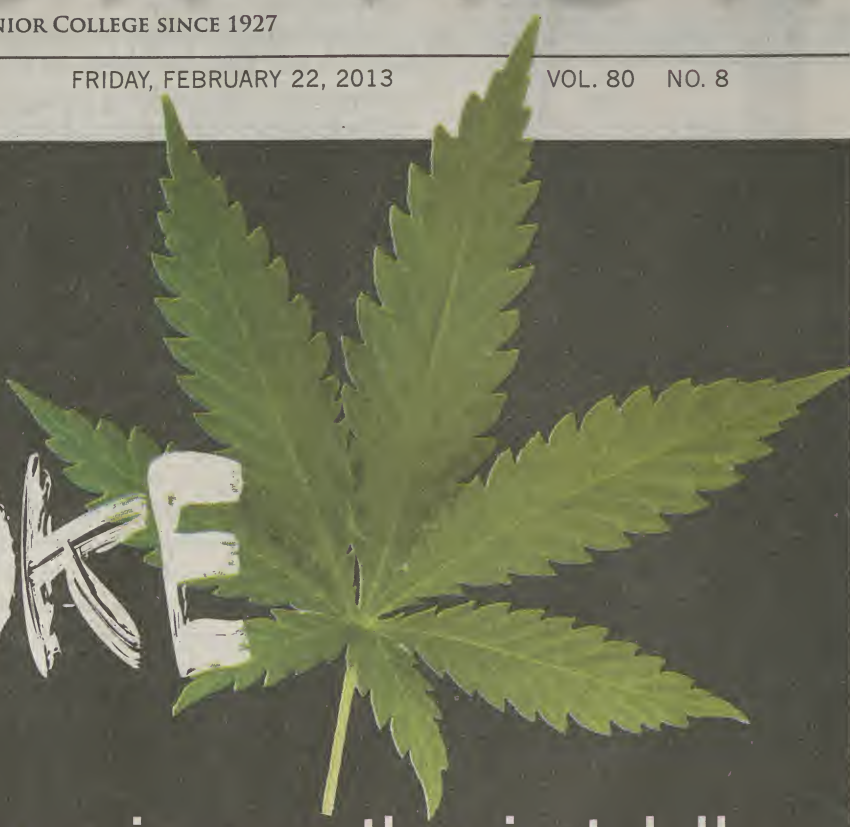
"We're not at the mercy of the publisher when they want to change the edition more often like every two years," he said.

The updates in the newer editions, Willbanks noted, often include more recent statistics or information but the concepts remain constant. For the Government courses, for example, new information is added frequently when bills are passed or an election brings about a new president.

Thornton likes the liberty that accompanies his geology lecture notes book, having the ability to alter it from time to time. He considers his book to be filled with the essentials for the course and the Internet as a supplemental material.

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UP IN SMOKE



The cost of drugs is more than just dollars

By Belen Casillas
Managing Editor

In a friend's back yard, at the age of 14, Anna Henley had her first encounter with drugs and became part of the 60 percent of young Americans who use drugs in their lifetime, according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

"It becomes all you think about and you just want to have more," Henley, a freshman majoring in education at Tyler Junior College said. "It was more of a peer pressure thing; you know, everyone was doing it so I thought 'okay well let me do it too'."

Marijuana, popular among college students and better known as weed, Meth (Crystal methamphetamine), LSD (Lysergic Acid Diethylamide), alcohol, heroin and cocaine are just some of the preferred and most abused drugs in the nation. Drugs offer its consumer a temporary fix or escape from the social realities of everyday living. Which, according to Dr. Otis Webster, psychology professor at TJC, is behind today's drug infested society, forming a new behavior.

"We are busy creating a drug infested

society, and it's gotten to the place where it's normal everyday behavior," Dr. Webster said. "Anything that can help them escape social realities, and drugs do that."

These new norms are shaping the law, altering the nations' customs. The ripple effect of accepting drug usage has reached states like Washington and Colorado. Although drugs like marijuana are now legal for recreational use, colleges and universities in those states do not allow the legalized drug marijuana to be used on campus because of fear of being cut off from federal funding.

"You live in a society where the closes people to you are all using drugs. Some are selling it, some are using it, and they abuse it. You wouldn't see any wrong in it. By the time you realize it, you are dead," said Yaya Fatty, freshmen majoring in Criminal Justice at TJC.

One hundred people die from drug overdoses every day in the United States according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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200,000

U.S. students who have been denied financial aid for college simply because of drug convictions on their records

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TJC Campus Police find students with drugs in dorms

By Sam Fiser and
Jake Spadie
Staff Writers

Three Tyler Junior College students went to jail in January for possession of marijuana in an on-campus dorm.

On Jan. 25, 2013, three students, Urian Nevels, Trey Rush and Hayden Hart were arrested for the possession of marijuana at Ornelas Residential Complex.

"We truly... care about the safety and well-being of our students," said Executive Director of Security and Public Services Careers Thomas A. Johnson. "Unfortunately, students make poor choices that will stay with them for the rest of their lives."

Around midnight, a resident of Ornelas reported a suspicious odor to campus police. The distinct smell of marijuana was clearly evident, according to campus police reports.

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column

Ms. T pities the fool who does drugs



By Taylor Griffin
Editor-in-Chief

We've all been taught to stay away from drugs like marijuana or cocaine, even from early ages. Many will argue that smoking pot does no harm to the body, however, I say it does more harm to your future.

Personally, I find that the need to get high in the first place is pathetic. To me, it's stupid to need a harmful substance to feel that way, all the while trading in more important things. I see it like this—

every time you light up, you're putting every opportunity on the line.

Even though marijuana has been found to have little side effects and has been approved in Colorado, the use of pot still impairs just like drunkenness does. I'm not ignorant to the fact that people are going to find pot to smoke regardless if it's legal or not, but making it okay in societal terms opens more doors for leniency that should be kept taboo.

Similarly, I've never been much into drinking alcohol just because I didn't find it that appealing. Plus, I don't see the point of risking a good thing (a.k.a. my education). Same for drugs. The costs of getting caught using or possessing drugs should

let people know how serious it is to do it. Drugs cause more problems than they're worth fooling with, in my opinion.

Using drugs at home or elsewhere is one thing, but taking it to your dorm room is a whole other story. At TJC, there is a strict no tolerance policy regarding drugs on campus and in the dorms—as in one strike, you're out. And you thought the lanyard cops were hardcore...

In the end, it's ultimately your choice whether to light up or not. Would you rather live a mediocre life or one that's full of opportunity and newness? Drugs do nothing good for society, and it's a shame how much it has affected it. It boils down to your decision, and yours alone.

"In the end, it's ultimately your choice whether to light up or not."

-Taylor Griffin
Editor-in-Chief, The Apache Pow Wow

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editorial

A Different Kind of Green

Drugs, the dictionary defines it as "an illegal substance that causes addiction, habituation, or a marked change in consciousness." Drugs are all around us. From the soda we drink which contains caffeine to the cigarettes and tobacco products, which contains nicotine.

From the time we are born we are told by parents and educators that drugs are bad. It's like a mother telling her child "don't touch the stove it's hot." But yet the child is probably going to touch the stove just to see how hot it really is.

According to drugabuse.gov about 44 percent of United States citizens age of 18 to 24 have tried some type of drug at least once. More than 50 percent have tried marijuana which is considered the gateway drug into harder drugs such as cocaine or heroin.

It also doesn't help that the music in

today's world highlights the use of drugs and alcohol. "Waking up in Vegas" by Katy Perry highlights getting drunk and not remembering what happened the night before. And Kid Cudi's "Marijuana" is obviously about the use of weed.

We believe that drugs should be limited depending on the situation. In situations where a person uses prescribed medical marijuana. Reasons for using medical marijuana could be for pain relief particularly for neuropathic pain (pain from nerve damage) including nausea, spasticity, glaucoma, and movement disorders. Medical marijuana can also be used for patients suffering from AIDS and HIV.

In other situations there are people that use different types of methamphetamines such as Adderall and Vyvance, which are used for epilepsy, ADD, and ADHD.

But in a medical situation there is such a thing as becoming addicted to your medical drug. Becoming addicted to any type of medicine can cause a person to overdose leading to death.

We believe that drugs are illegal for a reason due to the fact that it can get you killed or you could become affiliated with some type of gang. According to globalen-vision.gov over 90 percent of drugs come from Mexico and at times the cartel die coming over here to deliver the drugs.

A conviction for possession with the intent to deliver is a felony. You could spend 3 to 23 and a half months in the county jail with fines up to \$2,500 and a driver license suspension up to six months.

People go to jail and lose their lives over delivering and using drugs. Is it really worth it?

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We care what you think...

Comments about the Full Monet article in the February 8th edition of the Apache Pow Wow...

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- CHRIS STEWART,
ART DEPARTMENT CHAIR

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REGARDS,
JESSICA GREENE

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GAZING UNDER THE STARS: Elementary students at the Science Center learn about star alignments.

A Night Under the Stars

TJC Science Center offers constellation demonstrations

By Amber Jones
Staff Writer

The wide variety of shows and exhibits draws students and the community together to learn new things at Tyler Junior College's Center for Earth & Space Science Education Center.

The center has many events and shows open to the public, and it hosts field trips for grade schools from across the area as well.

The center was added to Hudnall Hall in 2010 and opened in September 2011 as an upgrade. The old Hudnall planetarium has been a part of TJC since 1963 and is now the center's exhibit hall.

"The shows are just like a movie. You sit down, and you watch it," Said Robert Parish coordinator for the CCESE.

The center uses full dome visualization, meaning when a person looks up, their entire vision is the screen.

The showing is available to public. One of the most popular show tends to be "Mystery of the Christmas Star" during the

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WRITING CENTER SETS GRAMMAR WORKSHOP

From 9-10:30 a.m. on March 1 the Writing Center will be having a grammar and punctuation workshop.

Students will go over basic grammar and punctuation.

For more information students can go to Jenkins 1108 or call 903-510-3200.

TJC TO HOST VIDEO GAME CREATION CLINIC

On March 9, the TJC Game and Simulation Program will present ClickJam 2013.

It will include a basic game creation clinic for new Multimedia Fusion 2 users, and experienced game creators will be challenged to build a complete game in 12 hours based on a secret subject that will be revealed at the opening of the event.

The event is free and open to game creators of all ages and experiences. Each participant will receive a free copy of Multimedia Fusion 2.

For more information Joel Christian at 903-510-3045 or by email jchr@tjc.edu.

DEBATE SHOWCASE

Tyler Junior College Speech and Debate team will have their annual showcase on May 3 at 3:00 p.m. Jean S. Brown theatre.

Admission is free.

For more information students can contact M'Liss Hindman at (903)-510-2206 or email her at mhin@tjc.edu.

SURVIVAL WORKSHOP

The Learning Support Services is having a College Survival Skills Workshop on Friday March 1 from 2 to 3 p.m. in the library.

All students are welcome to join. The presenter will be Brad Gifford Career and Transfer Advisor for the TRiO program.

SCIENCE CENTER TO HOST STAR PARTY

The Center for Earth & Space Science Education at Tyler Junior College will host a star party beginning at dusk, around 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 23.

They will have telescopes set up outside at dusk and the show will go on no matter the weather.

The Science Center will also be open to the public for free during the star party and the live night sky will be projected in the dome theatre.

For more information on this even go to www.tjc.edu/cesse; or find the Science Center on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TJCCenterforEarthandSpaceScience.

You can also reach the Science Center at (903)-510-2312 to ask for regular hours and for more information on the Star Party.

Tobacco Free? Student Senate holds forum to discuss a smoke free campus

By Brittany Weatherspoon
Staff writer

In an open forum on Jan. 29, students raised the issue about Tyler Junior College possibly becoming a tobacco-free campus. Smoking is currently not allowed on campus and if TJC becomes tobacco free no type of tobacco can be on campus.

The administrators want to determine student's attitudes about this issue by bringing it to the Student Senate. Students can weigh in this issue by taking a survey on Students Senate's Facebook page.

When school officials made TJC a non-smoking campus they considered having designated smoking areas, but they didn't think it was right.

"Designated areas were ruled out by the administration," Chief of Campus Police Randy Melton said. "How can you outlaw it, but you're condoning it [with] you having these certain areas?"

Although the administrator opted not to create designated smoking areas, some students believe the college shouldn't take it completely away. Because students are able to smoke off campus, like on Baxter Avenue, they feel that the college should create areas for them on campus to keep everyone happy.

"I do think that [smoking] is not good for the students, but there needs to be accommodations for the students that do smoke," Keaton Monier, a Freshman Student Senate member said.

The students who spoke at the forum on the tobacco issue want the school to somehow make accommodations for those who smoke. The issue that administrators are concerned about are that these areas may cause problems such as cigarette butts being discarded around campus, and going into the drains in the street, which harms the environment.

The students and teachers who are for banning all tobacco want to eliminate any harm caused by second hand smoke and what to keep TJC as clean and presentable as possible.

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SPECIAL Recognition



Courtesy Photo

TJC SPEECH CHAMPS: Tyler Junior College Speech and Debate team attended the Texas Community College February 8-10, hosted by Central Texas Community College in Killeen.

TJC returned as the State Champions! Here are all of the results: TJC was named 1st Place in Overall Sweepstakes, 1st Place in Individual Events Sweepstakes and 3rd Place in Debate Sweepstakes.

First place went to Tom Hill and Julia Bodiford, Deshawn Weston, Demetries Coad, and Theresa Boyd

Second place to Mae Rose Hill, Deshawn Weston, Julia Bodiford and Tom Hill.

Third place went to Deshawn Weston, Tom Hill, Jonathan Clifton, Julia Bodiford, and Theresa Boyd.

Fourth place awards went to Mae Rose Hill and Jonathan Clifton.

Fifth place awards went to Josh Benstowe.

Giving to the Community Student impresses locals with random acts of kindness

By Devin Mobley
Staff Writer

Many attempt to give back to the community in various ways, but Michael Strait has found an original way to perform this task.

Strait, an honors student at Tyler Junior College impresses the locals with what seems to be a random act of kindness. Outside of being a student, Strait has unique hobbies such as crocheting and knitting. It came to his attention that there was an opportunity to give back to the community with the use of his talents by accepting donated clothes and knitting them into blankets and rags that may be useful to different charities.

"A friend of mine mentioned doing an auction with a local artist. The handmade creations would go towards charity," said Strait.

The idea seemed so perfect to him that he couldn't refuse. This upcoming March, there will be an auction held by

the local artist. The art that is collected will be auctioned off and the proceeds will go directly to the charity of their choice. The Children of the Night will be one of the charities participating in this event. Though Strait didn't construct this event, he still finds himself

in the forefront. Doing plenty of work to make it all happen.

From knitting together old shirts into new rags, to donating clothes to those in need, Strait is taking the initiative to think outside of the box and give to the community in a way that a lot of students are not. His kindness will go a long way, but he still felt something was missing. He wanted to get the community involved.

"I would love to have more com-

munity involvement and not just me taking some yarn and making something out of it," he said.

Jessica Bullock, administrative assistant for the honors program, noticed Straits leadership and immediately approved his idea. She feels that

acting out such good deeds without an authority figure breathing down his neck really shows that the individual has a kind heart and great leadership skills.

"I think this is great. Within the honors department, our goal is to develop the students into leaders in the community, and if they're able to come up with something on their own that they can feel good about, then they have succeeded," she said.

"We try to encourage students to do service learning projects that teach them something..."

-TJ McLeMore
Lead Advisor

Lights Out

Where were you when the power went out?

By Hannah Johnson
Student Life Editor

It was a Saturday, and to Zach Camp it seemed like any other day; but on Jan. 26, 2013, his day took a sudden turn when the TJC campus was plunged into darkness.

"I woke up, looked around, and everything was normal so I thought, 'it's Saturday, I'm gonna do a little laundry...' half of the washers had power, half of them didn't, so that was really confusing... Then I went back to my dorm and all of the power went out. So, I wasted a bunch of money on laundry. I had to put all of my wet clothes in a bag and then in my tub," he said.

Camp is an Ornelas Hall resident and one of the many Tyler Junior College students that were affected by the campus wide blackout. Every building on campus except for Hudnall Hall, Bateman Hall and the Campus Police office was without power for about a day and a half. Having all of the dorms in the dark was a problem, however, because they were filled with students. The residents had to be put somewhere.

Students were thrown into a panic and chaos ensued. Residential Life quickly sized up the situation, however,

and went to work to keep the students calm.

"As soon as the power went out, the Resident Life and Housing office jumped right into action to make arrangements to make the situation more comfortable for the residents," Hanro Janse Van Rensburg, an RA for the Bateman Residence Hall, said. As one of the only halls that still had power, Bateman opened its doors to students from other dorms such as Vaughn and Ornelas.

Many stories about what made the power go out circulated around the dorms, such as, a generator popped, there was a fire in the breaker or there was a laser that broke the generator. In actuality, however, the power outage was caused by rain water somehow seeping into two of the three major power cables.

"We're still looking into how that occurred," Fred Peters, the director of public affairs and grant development, said. He said several electrical companies, Humphrey Electrical, Thedford Construction and HGR, are looking into how exactly it occurred.

Ornelas was not completely in the dark, however.

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Photo by Jason Gray

BLACK-OUT Students had to find their ways through dark hallways, such as this one in Ornelas, on the day of the blackout.

Teachers debate students on tech access in class

Dulce Flores
Photo Editor

Advanced technology is everywhere, and it has revolutionized history all around the world. But many instructors debate about allowing students to use it in order to help them with their assignments.

Desktops, laptops, iPads, tablets are instruments designed to help people and do assignments easier and faster, but how about using it in classroom?

This is the topic many people debate because some are in favor of students using it in classroom and some people are not.

"If it is used properly it's wonderful, otherwise it can be a big problem," said Steve Green, math professor at Tyler Junior College.

At TJC many professor allow students to use their electronic devices to take notes or to use it for a school related purposes.

"Bringing technology into the classroom it's what we're really working on. Because that's the way it's going," said Kay Lynn Moran, teaching professor at TJC. "But on the downside I think it can almost be something that's not that good."

On the other hand, TJC teachers who do not allow students to use any kind of technology in the class (specially computers) find it distracting for students who are using it and other students around them. Therefore, it is prohibited to even

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Wal-Mart of Learning

Department offers students a variety of services to succeed

By Carolina Yu
Staff writer

Understanding important academic foundations is vital to a student's success in college, yet many Tyler Junior College students are unaware of the key details.

Academic Foundations assists TJC students through developmental education, learning support services and students' personal growth. All three departments make up the College of Academic Foundations. Each of the departments works differently to help students.

Developmental Education helps students to increase their basic knowledge. These basic education principles are vital to a student's success when entering into higher level courses.

In Developmental classes, students must earn a final grade of "C" or better to move on to the next level of courses. If the final grade of "C" or better is not achieved, students can drop from the course and may repeat the course.

"I'm taking the developmental math class. I think developmental classes are useful," said Elizabeth Little, TJC sophomore. "I also take the college algebra at the same time, and the developmental class is easier. It's important for the student to get the basic stuff down before they move to the college level, period."

The second part of Academic Founda-

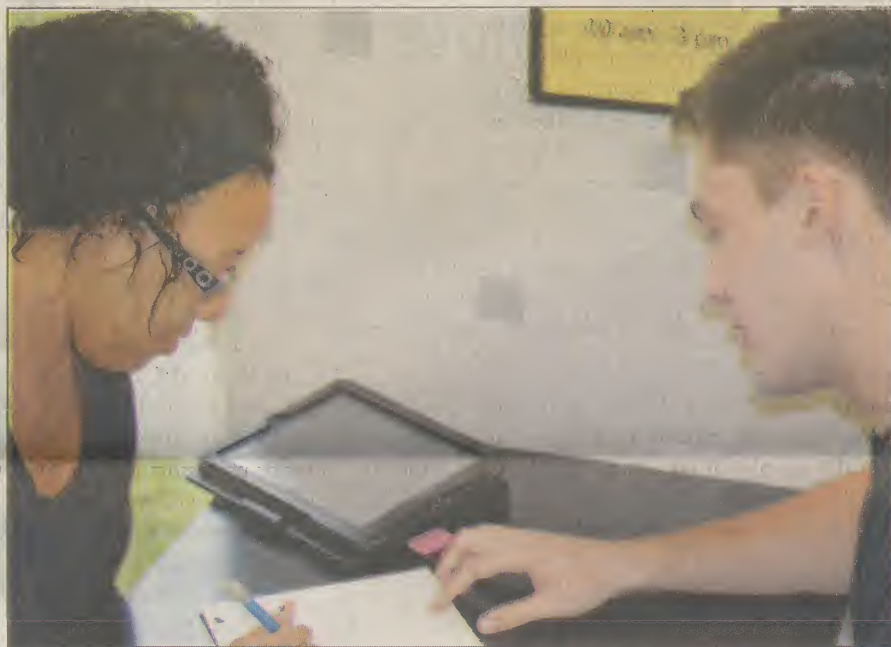


Photo by Hannah Johnson

TUTORING Many students are need of a little extra help. Academic Foundations offers tutoring on the second floor of Potter. John Scarborough, a math tutor, helps a student.

tion is Learning Support Services. Learning Support Service help students succeed and includes Academic Success Lab, College Placement Test Prep Program, Early Alert Program, Learning Support/ Tutoring, Supplemental Electronic Tutoring, Test-Out program, and the TJC Writing Center. Each of these services help students who are struggling academically.

"Some students need a little more clarification. Sometimes, when the student's in class, the teacher moves a little

faster, so the students need a tutor to help fill in the gaps," said Reed.

The third part of Academic Foundation is Student Development. Student Development is devoted to students with previous college experience who are new to TJC, as well as incoming freshman-level students with no previous college. Student Development includes two parts: Freshman Interest Groups Program and

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Photo courtesy of Adrain Hurst

BALANCING LIFE AND SCHOOL Returning to school as an adult with a family can be quite a challenge. Adrain Hurst (above) managed to find time for both school and her son, Eric Stoesser (right).



Saved by the Bell

Adult Student Services opens doors to students of all ages

By Paola Cruz
Staff Writer

Many adults are returning to school with various reasons to go back and face challenges that the average student out of high school wouldn't.

"They have more things to juggle on their plate," said Michele Freeman, data grant coordinator of Adult Student Services at Tyler Junior College.

Most adults have responsibilities such as families to care for, jobs to go to and bills to pay. These are the same things that fuel them to get a higher education. Fitting classes into an already busy schedule is something that adult students must add to their list of responsibilities. It will take some getting use to, but knowing that in the long run it'll all be worth it.

Many adult students come back to continue a previous education such as Adrain Hurst, a returning student to TJC. She attended school studying Psychology in 1996-1997, but being a single mom she ultimately had to leave. When her career as a Certified Ophthalmic Assistant and an Optician came to an end, she decided to finish what she started; now she's back studying Psychology.

"We live long enough to invent ourselves two and three times in a lifetime," said Hurst. "There is no reason to be stuck

in a position we are unhappy with."

Although Hurst's time at TJC is soon coming to an end, she did have to get accustomed to the college life. Getting used to the college schedule but also having a son in college at the same time are some of the obstacles she faced.

"It is a richer experience to come back now,"

Hurst said. "I started, I persevered and now I see the finish line."

"Adult students are a great asset to the college campus," Freeman said. "We find that they are very much disciplined and that they have a goal they want to reach."

Being adults and having a taste of the real world, they know how valuable an education is. They also know that it's not all fun and games.

"It's a richer experience coming back now," Hurst said. "Having the maturity level to appreciate what I am getting out my education and what that education

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DRUGS

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As Henley's closes friends sunk deeper into the addictive cycle of stronger drugs, she found courage in God to quit before it was too late. Unfortunately, other classmates from her school were not as fortunate, and died of drug overdose.

"It's heart breaking that people joke about it and say 'oh you know it's not addicting or anything' cause it does alternate your lifestyle," said Henley.

Another popular drug among college students is Adderall, which is used in order to enhance academic performance. Adderall and other similar prescribed medicines are given to those with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). But with easy availability, it has fallen into the hands of students who are looking for a boost of energy and focus, after a night of binge drinking or in some cases a 12-hour work shift in order to stay "sharp" for the next class.

"We want a pill to put us to sleep and a pill to wake us up," Dr. Webster said. "We are busy creating a drug-infested society, and it's gotten to the place where it's normal everyday behavior."

This wave of prescription drug usage is the new "Red Bull" sensation among college students, according to an article from the Huffington Post. Some may call it cheating at life's balance but with its convincing promise of helping the brain perform better many users give little thought to the consequences. The powerful drug, Adderall, can seem harmless but it can lead addicts to cocaine or morphine.

"The more you stay involved in drugs or alcohol... The deeper you become involved in it. You lose all that inner vision," said Erik Broughton, counselor for Live and Kicking Winners Circle of Tyler and graduate from TJC. "Remember the promise drugs and alcohol give, is death and it will fulfill those promises."

Although alcohol continues to be a favorite substance for college students, drug usage like marijuana is increasing. In the most recent statistics dated 2011 from the ages of 18 to 20, 38.7 percent use drugs, from ages 21 to 25 32.9

percent and from the age of 26 to 34, 2 percent. The use of marijuana rose to 2 percent from 2010 to 2011, according to National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

Broughton became an addict in his late 20s or early 30s and admits crossing the line from causal user on the weekends to the fast lane of the night life that pushed him into dependence on cocaine. Like others, his addiction removed his family, friends and stole his live hood.

"I wanted to be what we call hip, cool, it was the thing to do," Broughton said. "I started drinking in high school, so one thing lead to another. The drugs I really got involved with were Marijuana; I tried a lot of things. Cocaine was my true down fall."

Unlike the tragic ending of most addicts, Broughton was given a second chance that he says he owes his higher power, God, all to. He took this opportunity to live the way he had always dreamed of, even as a child. The opportunity didn't only keep him in the right direction but he was able to help others out of abusive drugs and living towards the path of a drug free lifestyle.

Now he reaches out to those who are in a struggle with addiction, using his own testimony to reveal the dark side of abusing drugs.

"The only thing you want to do is what your drug tells you. Your drug says jump, you say how high. Because it has control over you, you don't have control over it anymore. (That's) when you cross that line over to addiction," said Broughton.

For those who feel trapped in the vicious cycle of drug use, the first step is to reach out to a support group. There are local groups like, Live and Kicking Winners Circle whose mission is changing and saving lives. Also TJC's counseling services on the third floor of Rogers Student Center or professors like Dr. Webster whose office hours are open for all students. The key is in taking the initiative to make a change.

"There's hope," Henley said. "There are people there that have been through it. That understands even if you think there is no one. You're not alone."

CAMPUS

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Police then went by each room in the vicinity searching for the source of the smell and, after minutes of searching, authorities found the correct room, and the three subjects in possession of marijuana.

Nevels, Rush and Hart were arrested that night and taken to Smith County Jail. They were charged with possession of marijuana along with being sent to Damien Williams, Dean of Students, where further consequences were issued.

All three students that were charged, according to federal law, are now permanently unable to receive financial aid for the rest of their college careers and will have criminal records, which may inhibit their chances of getting accepted to a university.

"If a student is caught with drugs, they will be removed from the dorm and the student is suspended from school," said Chief Melton.

Many students don't know that having a small amount of drugs or alcohol or being with people who can ruin a student record, financial aid or scholarship opportunities forever. That record of suspension follows the student everywhere, and colleges are not very lenient to students being accepted to the college with any form of a criminal record.

"This campus has expectations, and we communicate those expectations, but we would rather the students set those expectations for themselves," said Aukse Harris, assistant director of Residential Life & Housing.

BLACKOUT

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When the power went out, emergency lights in the main lobby hallways kicked on. Students were encouraged to stay with family or friends in the area if they could, but many were unable to do that. Arrangements then had to be made for any students planning on staying in Ornelas that night.

Extra mattresses were brought into Ornelas and beds were set up in the game room. Residential Housing also brought in games like Monopoly, Jenga and Uno for the students to play. All the students who decided to stay in their dorm rooms were also given flashlights. Food was supplied to the students at the Deli Depot in Pirtle Technology until it got dark. After that, students were left to fend for themselves until the next morning. Considering that it gets dark around 6 p.m. now, many students missed the food in Pirtle, and they had to find an alternative. Students flocked to McDonald's, whose lobby was quickly filled up with students, hungry for both food and electricity. The power

outlets at McDonald's saw a lot of action that night.

As part of the "Civility Initiative," directors and leaders in the Residential Life and Housing department are encouraging students to set standards for themselves and their peers so that all the students may live in a civilized community without worry of drugs, weapons or fighting.

"They must realize they are a part of a much larger community, and their actions affect not only themselves but their peers in that community," said Harris.

With 991 residents living on one campus between nine buildings, some minor situations are unavoidable and expected.

"Sometimes younger people are tricked into it [using drugs] by the older people. They tell them, 'oh, nothing will happen to you, you're a juvenile,' but the person was 17, and in the state of Texas, you go to jail," said Johnson.

Officers want to communicate to students that in the state of Texas, even the young freshman who are 17 and 18 will still have the same chance of going to the state penitentiary as a 35-year-old person.

"Choose your friends very wisely, and don't give away your future," said Diana Karol, Director of Residential Life & Housing.

If there are any students that have information of a crime, please call the campus police at their emergency line (903) 510-2222, or at their non-emergency line 903-510-2258.

LEARNING

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Intensive College Program.

The Freshman Interest Group Program is a living-learning model designed to provide an instant peer group for new students who have the same degree/major interest/intent. The Intensive College Program is a partnership with the Literacy Council of Tyler to transition recent GED graduates to college enrollment.

Student Development also includes three specific courses, which are the College Success, Retention- Intensive Success Experiences, and Student Study Skills & Strategies.

The College Success class is required of new students transitioning to TJC and helps them to learn about TJC facilities, services, resources, policies and campus culture. The Retention-Intensive Success Experiences help students who are on academic suspension in the re-enrollment process. The Student Study Skills & Strategies course is required of any students who are enrolled in DMTH 0301 and/or READ 0301 courses. This teaches techniques for learning in higher education.

For more information, students should contact the Dean of Academic Foundations, Lisa Harper, at 903-510-2147 or lhar@tjc.edu.

TECH

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take it out of the backpack sometimes.

However, it seems that many students are dependents of technology to have an easier way to do homework and to understand the material being taught. So, when it is time for a class with an instructor who does not allow technology to be used in the class it may be a struggle for the student. Although many students use technology, some of them still support the teachers' decision about not allowing technology inside the class.

"It wouldn't bother me, that's the rule of their class," said Alyse Williams, freshman at TJC.

Some students comprehend that the use of technology in class should be used in an appropriate way.

"Whenever you have to actually take notes and if you can use technology it would be helpful, but in other class where it's hands-on I don't think so," said Megan Benton, freshman at TJC.

We are surrounded by technology that we do not even think about or have any idea of what it can provide us. For example, video chats with another classes in another part of the world.

"I went to one [video chat in class] where students were talking to a class in Germany," said Moran.

Every person has his/her own opinion about using technology in class, and everybody should know how to take advantage of advanced technology; a great opportunity to enjoy it in the present.

long period of time can contact the Adult Student Services office at TJC by calling 903-510. More information is available tjc.edu, under the student tab, then clicking on Adult Student Services. The school offers free adult workshops that occur several times a year.

"I'd like to encourage them, any adult whether you are 25 or 80 years old... if a college experience is what you want to do, don't be afraid," Freeman said.

ADULTS

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means."

Hurt's son, Eric Stoesser, attends TJC alongside his mother. He's proud of his mother being in school, he said his life has also been affected by her returning to school.

"It's been positive through the hard parts," Stoesser said. "She's been busy, and it has affected our relationship for the better."

Adults who would like to continue an education or return to school after being away for a

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Six-string masterpieces are handmade by Tylerite

By Brandon Frisby
Staff Writer

Rocking out and blowing minds, that's what the meticulously crafted masterpieces of local artist and luthier, Todd D'Agnostico, are designed for specifically.

"Making a beautiful art piece that will be in the family for generations, and generations, and generations. That's the whole goal is to make something to last," D'Agnostico said, seated on a sawdust-covered rolling office chair.

Hand-building masterfully crafted guitars wasn't always the life-calling of this Connecticut native. Rather, he fell into it when looking for a change of pace from his career as an electrician. Answering a help wanted ad found him working for Hamer, USA, one of the most prolific guitar manufacturers in America. His inner artist awoke, and he fell in love.

"It was like an addiction. It's beyond a normal kind of drive," D'Agnostico said. His love for his artwork would lead him to a different kind of love, as well as a whole new environment.

D'Agnostico's transplant to Texas came by a twist of fate when he built a pair of instruments for the Tyler-based superstar rock act, Easley.

"I made her and her sister a guitar when they were on tour in Boston," D'Agnostico explained, recalling his first encounter with his future wife.

"That's where I met her, and one thing led to another. Now I'm here. Tight Texas family stuff."

As if being married to a rockstar wasn't quite enough, D'Agnostico has an impressive roster of musicians playing his work. Even so, the focus remains on the meticulous detail of his craft.

"There's no room for any kind of defect or any kind of discrepancy," D'Agnostico stated.

His hands expertly followed the precise contours of the instrument, indicating years of practiced sculpting and carving as he detailed the values of rare woods and time intensive finishing work. The headstock of the instrument read in a clean script, LaRose, the Rose Capital influenced moniker under which his instruments are produced.

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Photo by Brandon Frisby

LA ROSE Todd D'Agnostico shows off one of his original guitars.

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Don't stand so close to me

Take dating precautions while staying out of harm's way

By Mandy Drager
Verve Editor

When in doubt, bail out.

With the dating scene breaking into the internet more prominently safety is becoming a larger priority. Statistics from campussafetytmagazine.com say, between 20% and 25% of women will experience a completed and/or attempted rape during their college career, 80% of sexual assault and rape victims are under the age of 30, and last, but certainly not least, 84% of the women who reported sexually coercive experiences experienced the incident during the first four semesters on campus.

Safety is an issue that should not be overlooked with those statistics.

Owner of Taekwondo America, Matt Bares, has been doing taekwondo for 21 years. Bares hosts self-defense classes by request for anyone interested. They are well-received and affordable.

"I think today with the information and technology, the bad guys know so much," Bares said. "They're smarter now than ever."

Bares believes everyone should know self-defense or at least browse the internet on dating safety.

"There's a lot about dating safety that people need to know... find out about who you are going out with," Bares said. "Take all that research and put it together."

While on the date, if you see that he or she is uninteresting or possibly even threatening, there is an app for your iPhone or Android that can help you out. The "Bad Date Rescue" app allows you to choose a contact to "call" you in your time of need. If there is a photo for that contact it shows up as well and appears that they are actually calling you.

According to NBC Bay Area, "To make it believable, pre-recorded messages with prompts include a boss who wants help immediately or a neighbor with a leaky pipe."

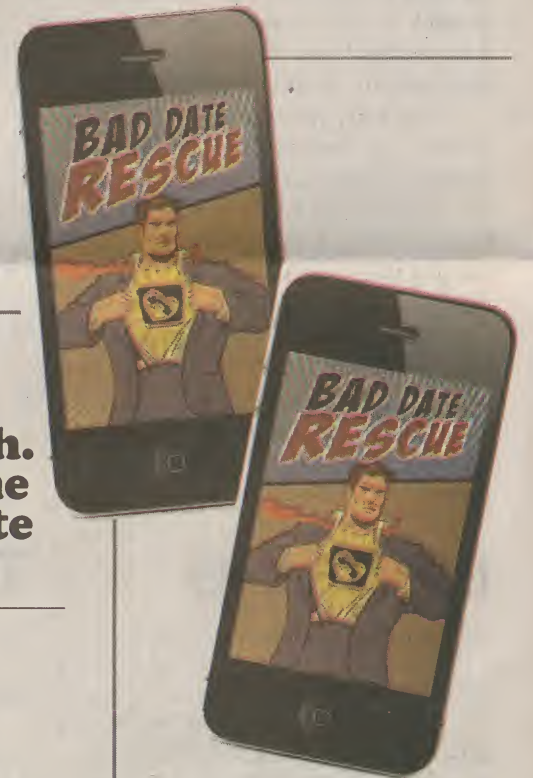
NBC Bay Area continues stating that the users can schedule a call in advance just in case.

The app is provided by eHarmony and is free.

With all these options and opportunities to prepare oneself mentally and physically, everyone should feel a lot more comfortable about going out and meeting someone new. Always remember to stay cautious, stay smart, and always know your next move.

To avoid any unnecessary happenings, Match.com provides some tips on how to date safely:

- Get to know the other person before meeting them offline
- Always meet in public
- Stay in a public place
- Tell a friend
- Stay sober
- Drive yourself to and from the first meeting
- Keep personal items with you at all times



MOVIE REVIEW

New horror flick is more ghastly than ghostly

By Taylor Griffin
Editor-in-Chief

Something stinks like rotten movie, and I'm pretty sure it's not Nicholas Sparks' newest atrocity. Perhaps the worst movie I've ever had the not-so privilege of reviewing, "Mama," directed by newbie Andres Muschietti and rated PG-13, seems more suited as a campfire tale about feral kids, poor choices by Oscar nominees, and psychotic motherly love.

It's just a shame I don't know how to describe the sound of human retching because that's basically the entire premise. Two little girls are left in the woods by their father, and that's where a ghostly specter they call Mama steps in to "raise" them for five years. The kids are found and taken care of by their uncle (Nikolaj Coster-Waldau) and his girlfriend (Jessica Chastain), only too soon they realize that their spooky maternal figure follows them home. Inevitably, it doesn't exactly sit well with Mama, and she raises hell for anyone close to the girls.

The plot itself just sounds like a B-rated movie you would find on the outer walls at Blockbuster (God rest its soul). I'm almost certain I saw a Lifetime movie scarier than this mess, and

I spent most of the movie with my eyes glazed over.

Guillermo del Toro, the movie's mostly spot-on producer, should be ashamed of the garbage I just saw. He discovered Muschietti's short film of the same name a while back and thought it would be a great idea to give it stretch marks to make it into a feature-length film. He thought wrong—terribly wrong.

Guillermo Del Toro, undeniably has great vision for film with his fingerprint somewhere on movies like "The Hobbit," "Hellboy," and "Pan's Labyrinth." I can see his reasoning for being so haunted by Muschietti's short, and after watching it myself, I agree that it was a little unnerving. However, I think what makes it so potent is the fact that it's only a couple minutes long.

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BUFFALO CHIPS

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I was rather disheartened by Chastain's choice to accept this role. After all, she's nominated for an Oscar this season for "Zero Dark Thirty," but in "Mama," she looks like a drowned Liza Minnelli.

The little girls' characters in this movie were just basic and unimpressive, not to mention they were just...not cute. Or scary, for that matter. I guess a couple of ratty-haired kids constantly eating moths have little affect on me. They just didn't seem natural scurrying around the room, finding solace under a bed in two seconds flat.

Muschiatti shows his beast too early and far too often for Mama to be scary any more, especially by the end. The last 20 minutes or so were just laughable. And by the by, Mama wasn't scary; she was just ugly. If it makes sense, she was ugly enough to be frightening for some. It wasn't until after I saw the movie that I found out Mama was played by a man, in which case, the ugliness is justified.

"Insidious" set a new high for good ol' fashion ghost stories, and unfortunately, "Mama" falls by the wayside. A shot in the movie I distinctly remember was Mama charging at the family—on hands and feet—down the hallway. It may not sound funny, but I was busting a gut. Granted, if it were happening to me in real life,

then yes, I would be horrified.

It's a shame that (for me, at least) horror movies have become something of a bore in many instances. There's not much that legitimately scares me any more. I'll definitely jump at the quick sight of a demon or its counterparts, but to really be frightened after leaving the theater? Hasn't happened that badly since I saw "The Strangers," after which I felt physically ill from a case of the scaredy cats.

This pile of a movie gets a good half chip out of five from me. I don't see the artistic potential Del Toro could have used in it, and there was no prolific or profound meaning—just an hour and 40 minutes worth of horror clichés and recycled material. To me, it was all talk and absolutely no action. In the end, it's a film you just don't bring home to mama.



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MAMA Characters Luke and Annabelle protect their nieces from the evil specter, Mama.

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SEEING STARS Little children enjoy the sights and sounds that are at TJC's Center for Earth and Space Science Education.

STARS

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holidays, which talks about the star that the Sheppard's saw in the story of Jesus birth. But the event that gets sold out the most is "Love Under the Stars," actually only allowing 70 occupants or 35 couples.

"There is a \$75 admission for 'Love under the Stars.' Reason for that is we do serve alcohol, h'orderves, and have light music that kind of thing. The planetarium show for 'Love Under the Stars' is, of course, unique. You won't see it anywhere else. It's completely made in-house," said Parish.

The show discusses romance, constellations and images set to a classical music score and this is presented in the center's dome theatre.

The planetarium has a large selection of categories for shows and exhibits from the cultural sciences to hard sciences, such as biology or physics, and everything in between.

GUITARS

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"LaRose is completely handmade. Everything," D'Agostico said.

As any artist will tell you, art is a time-consuming labor of love, and perfection is not something quick or easy, and it's something very personal. Local musician Brady Antilley believes that his D'Agostico custom built LaRose has achieved that perfection.

"I wanted something different. I kept talking to him, and talking to him, and he just really knew his stuff," Antilley laughed, thinking back to his purchase of his LaRose 'Thin 6' model.

"He seemed to understand exactly what I needed, tonally and aesthetically," said Antilley. "I wanted a very simple, clean guitar, and Todd

understood the classiness in something simple and clean."

Being the handcrafted, one-of-a-kind pieces of art that they are, LaRose guitars are not as mainstream as many other mass produced guitars. D'Agostico compares his art to cars.

"The top end Ford is a nice car, I mean, don't get me wrong," D'Agostico said. "But I'd rather have a Ferrari."

For further information on D'Agostico and his hand made instruments, visit laroseguitars.com, on Twitter, @LaRoseGuitars, or contact him directly at LaRoseGuitars@yahoo.com.



Photos by Brandon Frisby

GUITARS GALORE D'Agostico presents his works in progress. Filled with colorful, artistic design these guitars are unique and original pieces of art and musical genius.

TOBACCO

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While the Student Senate presents the issue to the students, the administration is beginning to conduct its own meetings on this issue.

"The Student Senate, based on recommendation from the organizations on campus, will make a resolution about what the majority...wants on campus. That resolution will be passed on the Faculty Senate. Then they will make a joint resolution then they pass to the executive

body of the school decision," said Phillip Bruno, a student involved in Student Senate.

The tobacco-free decision should be made by April and will go in effect by fall semester. For students to voice their opinions, Student Senate meetings are every other Tuesday in Jenkins Room 1109. To see the surveys on this issue, go to tjc.edu. For details call the Student Affairs office at 903-510-3151.

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They come and they go

Apache Football transfers 12 players to D-I



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THE NEXT LEVEL Sophomore offensive lineman Tre Goodwin signs his letter of intent to two-time Division I-AA championship runner up Sam Houston State University.

FOOTBALL

By Ani Umana
Sports editor

Wearing a button down shirt, some slacks, but most importantly the school's hat. This is the wardrobe of an athlete that is about to dedicate his years to a college program.

National Football Signing day was held Feb. 7 for high school and junior college players that are going to play at a university or a junior college next fall.

Tyler Junior College sent 13 players to universities such as the University of Wyoming, Mississippi State University, Gardner Webb University, Stephen F. Austin, and other Division I schools.

Sophomore offensive lineman Tre Goodwin signed with two-time Division

I-AA championship finalist Sam Houston State University. Goodwin, who was told he was undersized to play tackle in college has overcome the naysayers and looks to contribute for the Bearkats next fall.

"I was looking at Lamar (University) and Florida Atlantic (University), but they (Sam Houston) were the only ones that were willing to offer me to a full ride (scholarship)," Goodwin said. I'm just looking to contribute and help add to the success that the team has had in the last two years."

"I really liked the school, how it was isolated and not in the middle of a town," Goodwin said. "I really respected the coaches, I liked the scenery, and I have family in Huntsville (Texas) so I'm familiar with "Man, I just loved the visit, it made my choice a lot easier after that," Jones said. "I'm just ready to go and contribute, this is what I've been waiting for."

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TJC baseball coaching staff includes three former Apache players this season

BASEBALL

By Brandon Noble
Staff Writer

It's not often that former players go back to their Alma-mater once they leave, especially in college sports.

Tyler Junior College baseball team has not one, but three former players coaching. They are Head Coach Doug Wren, Associate Head Coach Jackie Black and Associate Head Coach P.J. Worthen.

Wren, is from Arlington played pitcher at TJC from 2001-2003. In the spring of 2003, he played in 34 games pitched 13.2 innings with 15 strikeouts and an earned run average of 5.267. After his playing days at TJC Coach Wren went on to play at Howard Payne University in Brownwood. Once he was done at Howard Payne Wren went on to be an associate head coach at Weatherford College for a year under Jeff Lightfoot.

"I got the call from coach Groth saying he had a position available for me, so it was an easy decision. So I came out here as an assistant for two years.... this is my fourth year as head (coach)," Wren said.

Coach Wren had a pivotal part in recruiting Jackie Black to TJC.

"I drove 5 hours one day all the way out to Cisco (junior college) watched him pitch and drove all the way back. He was a red shirt out there at that point, saw him and brought him on," Wren said.

Black, out of Amarillo, originally went to Cisco Junior College where he red shirted.

"Honestly redshirting at Cisco was the best decision I have ever made.... I didn't burn a year, was able to play two years here, if I could I would come back for two more years because it was the best experience I have ever had," Black said about playing at TJC.

While at TJC Black was a situational pitcher, lefty on lefty. In the spring of 2011, he pitched a total of 14 innings with 23 strikeouts and E.R.A. of 0.563. The spring of 2012 Black pitched 13 innings with 21 strikeouts and an E.R.A. of 2.08. After TJC, Black decided to play summer ball in Kansas until he hurt his elbow. After an injury to his elbow he contacted Coach Wren about a possible coaching position.

"It is a little bit somewhat of a culture shock, I played with six or seven of these guys last year. Making that transition into being a buddy into being a coach. I am learning and it is still a learning process for me," Black said.

During practice Black works with the pitchers on fielding and a throwing program, he also works with the outfielders.

P.J. Worthen's road to the Apaches as a coach was a bit different, like his brother, who played for the Apaches P.J. decided to come to TJC. He is a Tyler native graduating from Robert E. Lee High school.



Courtesy photo

FLASHBACK Baseball head coach Doug Wren dives to second base during his glory days playing for TJC. Wren played for the Apaches for 2001-2003

"Being from Tyler it was cool playing for a hometown team," Worthen mentioned.

While at TJC, Worthen was a first baseman and played some outfield for two years. After TJC, Worthen played at Clearwater Christian College for a year. Worthen made his way back to TJC to coach.

"The fact that I am still learning a lot you know its different being on the other side of things not having to practice everyday," Worthen said.

This will be his first year as a coach. His duties entail such jobs as coaching the outfielders and coaching first base during games, Helping Coach Wren make tendency charts for the opposing teams.

All stats in this article are credit to njcaa.org.

COLUMN

Keeping it Smooth With Ani Suavé

By Ani Umana
Sports Editor

Don't call it a comeback

Happy belated birthday to the greatest basketball player of all time. Michael Jordan Turned half a century old on Feb. 17 and there have been a rumor coming out that he may think of coming out of retirement..... again. True or not, lets have fun and say he is and predict his success.

Game planner: Michael Jordan lived in the film room as a player, and was keen on observing opponent's shot and dribble tendencies. Knowing what the player is going to do when they dribble left or right; how the player releases into his dribble drive. Little things like that affect games because if executed correctly, the offensive player will have a more difficult time scoring.

Smart: His Airness possesses a great basketball IQ and even if he is playing against a taller, more athletic defender, what made him great even when he was playing in his late thirties was he was one step ahead of his defender. He knew where he was going before he touched the ball. Watching him operate in the triple threat position (Triple threat: crouch position with ball on hip. Pass, dribble, or shoot) or posting up a smaller defender with slight head fakes and jabs was fluid like. Making every move precise and finishing perfect like a love book.

Competitor: One of the greatest sport competitors of all time. He LOVES challenges. He still plays his players from the Bobcats one-on-one and has beaten multiple of his players. Teammates admitted, and even he admitted to being so aggressive in practices and pushing his teammates to the point where they wanted to fight him.

But that lead to six titles and a dominant decade of basketball for the Chicago Bulls. Since he is playing, I can assure you that the challenge to prove people wrong that he can play at a high level in his age and lead his team to victory will bring competitive fire to him. Competitiveness isn't a temporary trait and suave believes it stays in you for your whole life, so why would Jordan play the game any less than a 100 percent?

The comeback won't be that easy now

Defense: Michael Jordan holds several defensive player awards, but does he have the foot speed or stamina to keep up with a shooting guard at 50 for lets say 25 minutes a game for 82 games? The 82 game season will take enough of a hit on his body to do it consistently.

The amount of games he plays is a big factor on how productive he can be because there is no way he would be able to play all 82 games unless the coach decides him to put him in five minutes a game (no point of coming back then). Realistically, he probably would be able to play 55 to 60 games in a season but like the saying goes, "father time is undefeated," I think it will still be tough for him to do that.

Age: The most obvious one and the one that can be put in on the other two cons. Look there is a reason people rarely play a sport professionally to the 50's, heck even in there forties, because their bodies do not hold up like they used to which gains the chance of injuries.

Its Michael Jordan: The greatest to step onto the court. Regardless of the reasons against him, Michael Jordan seems to get the job done. It's like a superhero comic, when the superhero is in trouble, but in the last minute, he finds a way to prevail and save the day. Someone that revolutionized the game and did things on the court that players to this day dream about doing. It's Jordan man, I can't describe it, and he just always gets it done, so if he wants to make another comeback, he can still amaze people.

I will leave you with a message my assistant high school basketball coach would tell me.

"Keep it smooth ladies and gentlemen."

Men's Basketball

Feb. 23 4 p.m. vs. Bossier Parish Community College
Feb. 27 7 p.m. @ Navarro College
March 2 4 p.m. vs. Kilgore College

Tennis

Feb. 23 9 a.m. vs. East Central College
Feb. 26 2 p.m. vs. St. Edwards University
March 1 2:30 p.m. vs. Seminole State College

Sports CALENDAR

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Women's Basketball

Feb. 23 2 p.m. vs. Stephen F. Austin State JV
Feb. 27 5:30 p.m. vs. Kilgore College
March 2 2 p.m. @ Jacksonville College

Baseball

Feb. 23 12 p.m. vs. Carl Albert State College
Feb. 25 7 p.m. vs. Panola College
Feb. 27 1 p.m. vs. Weatherford College
March 2 1 p.m. @ Weatherford College
March 4 7 p.m. vs. Texas College

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KNOCK IT DOWN Sophomore post Carrollina Lopez prepares to shoot a baseline jumpshot during their game against Jacksonville Junior College.

SIGNING DAY

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Mississippi State signee was sophomore wide receiver Jeremy

Chappelle, who was a Region XIV Conference All American. TJC Head Coach Danny Palmer praised Chappelle for his work ethic in his time at TJC and views him as one of the best players he has ever coached.

"He had to be patient because he redshirted all of last year, but it was worth it because he is having a great season this year," Palmer said prior to their week seven game against Cisco College. Some go, some stay, and some come in and TJC had 37 high school athletes sign to the school and 20

are from East Texas. That includes

Texas Christian University (TCU) and former Whitehouse High School transfer Quincy Aldridge, 5A all district running back from Tyler Lee High School Laquintis Wallace, and John Tyler High School linebacker Christopher Mobley.

The Apaches finished their season with a record of 5-5, and had issues with defensive back depth last season. Nine out of the 37 brought in for next year are defensive backs which will give Palmer more options when he works on his depth chart.

Apache Pow Wow Spotlight Athletes

Baseball Team

The first ten games have been near perfect for the Apache Baseball team as the sport a 9-1 record

#15 DeAndre Harris

The freshman guard is eighth in scoring in Region XIV, averaging 15 points a game

#3 Bria Emmanuel

The forward is ranked third in the conference in field goal percentage, shooting an incredible 56 percent from the floor

Welcome to the club

Softball to be added into TJC athletics for the 2014 season

By Jonathan Barker
Opinion Editor

Tyler Junior College dominates Region XIV in a number of athletic opportunities, and soon it will be adding one more to the family. The one sport TJC will be adding is Softball within the next two-three years.

"It's an exciting opportunity adding softball, which is really the only main sport we don't have," said Head Baseball Coach Doug Wren.

According to TJC Athletic Director Dr. Tim Drain the ideal time frame is the fall of 2014.

"Our dream scenario is the fall of 2014. That gives us time to build a budget, build facilities, and a team," Dr. Drain said.

Though TJC has the most sports available in Region XIV, it is a step behind the conference, which already has 13 teams playing softball. Part of the reason is because TJC doesn't have a softball field to play on.

Mike Carter Field, where TJC baseball plays, is strictly a baseball due to the dimensions of a softball field. The next logical solution is to build a field on campus or near campus.

"My philosophy is the more sports on campus, the better. A potential location is the Apache Woodlands," Dr. Drain said.

For current students who attend classes in the Apache Woodlands right now, this doesn't mean anything. The portables where classes are held are not TJC property. They're TISD portables, which is why that is an ideal location. There is already a parking lot so all that would need to be built is a field.

"This site is a good choice because the col-

lege owns the site," said Dr. Florio, Vice President - Student Affairs. "it is in close proximity to student housing (students can walk to the site), and part of the site is already developed. The Apache Woodlands portable buildings sit on an asphalt parking lot. Paved parking is expensive. Thus, the total cost of preparing the site is substantially reduced," said Dr. Charles Florio, Vice President - Student Affairs.

The best part about adding softball is it would be under scholarship, which would make 13 of the 14 athletic teams under scholarship. Due to the number of football scholarships, baseball is unable to have any.

"Adding softball will be great, because it's a popular sport in East Texas," Angela Clemons, secretary for TJC athletics said. "Softball will add more scholarship opportunities for women."

According to Drain, adding softball will be completely donor initiated. The new nursing building, also funded by contributors, is the only thing

holding back other things such as softball, which is why the fall of 2014 is a dream scenario. Until then, TJC can't move forward with anything yet.

Adding softball isn't just something TJC decided to do. When Wagstaff Gymnasium was renovated in 2008, TJC intentionally put in locker rooms and coaches offices. This has been a long time coming and TJC is more than ready to accommodate.

"Softball has been talked about for a while, and I think it's really gaining traction. So don't be surprised if you see softball here in the near future," Dr. Drain said.

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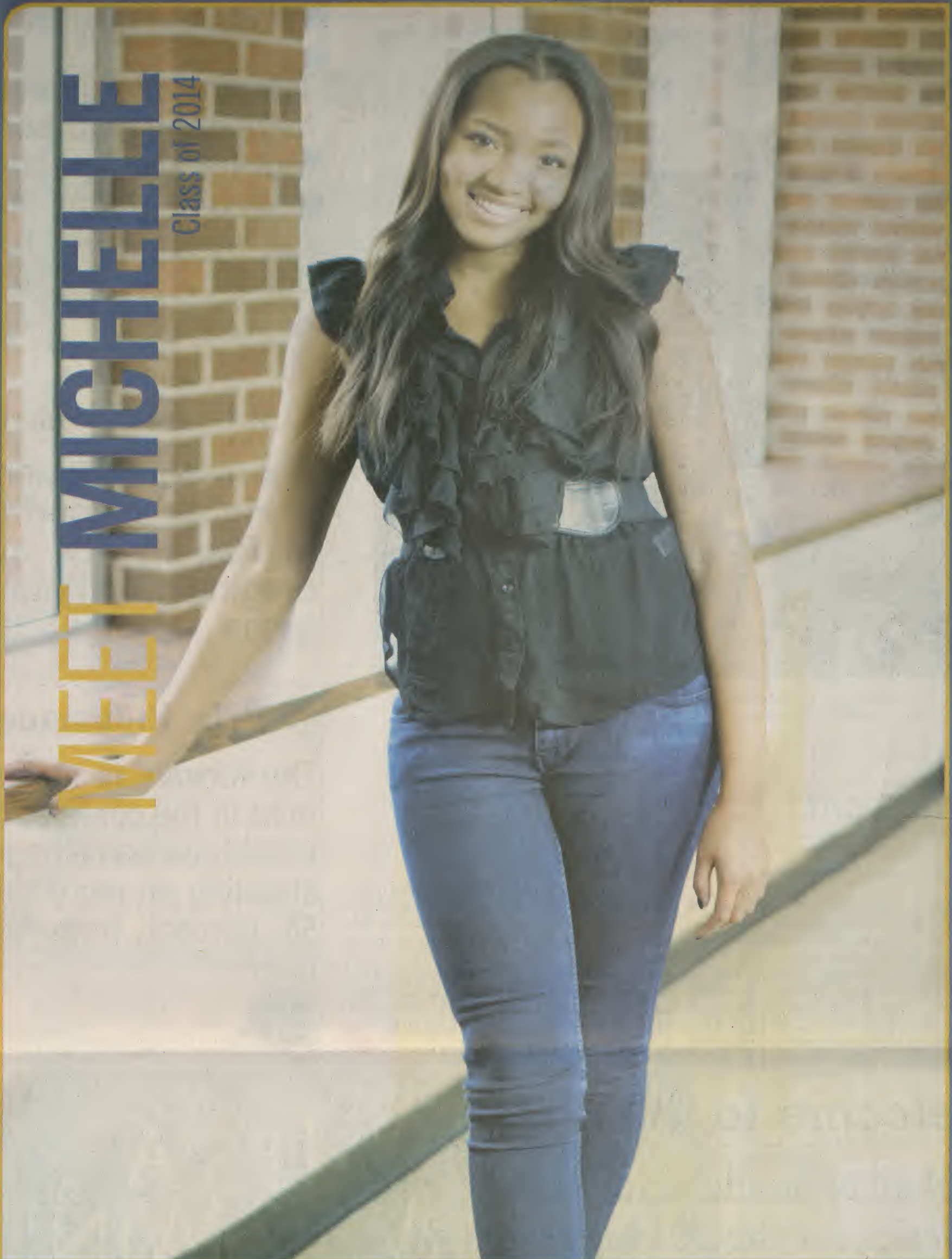
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Michelle, a biology pre-med student from Plano, TX, chose to attend Texas A&M University-Commerce because of acceptance into the Regents Scholars Program.

An active member of the campus community, Michelle traveled to Costa Rica with the Regents Scholars last May, joined the Student Government Association, the Student Healthcare Outreach Society and participated in the Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant.

"A&M-Commerce has made me more open-minded," Michelle said. "The Regents Scholars Program has allowed me to see just how many opportunities were lingering before me."

Michelle's favorite class at A&M-Commerce has been anthropology, which taught her about different world cultures, and showed her life from different points-of-views. The class made Michelle aware of the new social norms and customs that may arise with any future endeavor she may pursue.

After graduation, Michelle plans to attend medical school in hopes of becoming a dermatologist, and eventually opening up her own practice.

Major: Biology (Pre-med)

Interests: Dermatology, student government, traveling

Favorite class: Anthropology

Favorite professor: Dr. Slovak

Favorite Book: East of Eden

Interesting facts: Member of the Regents Scholars Program, traveled to Costa Rica in May 2011, participated in the Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant



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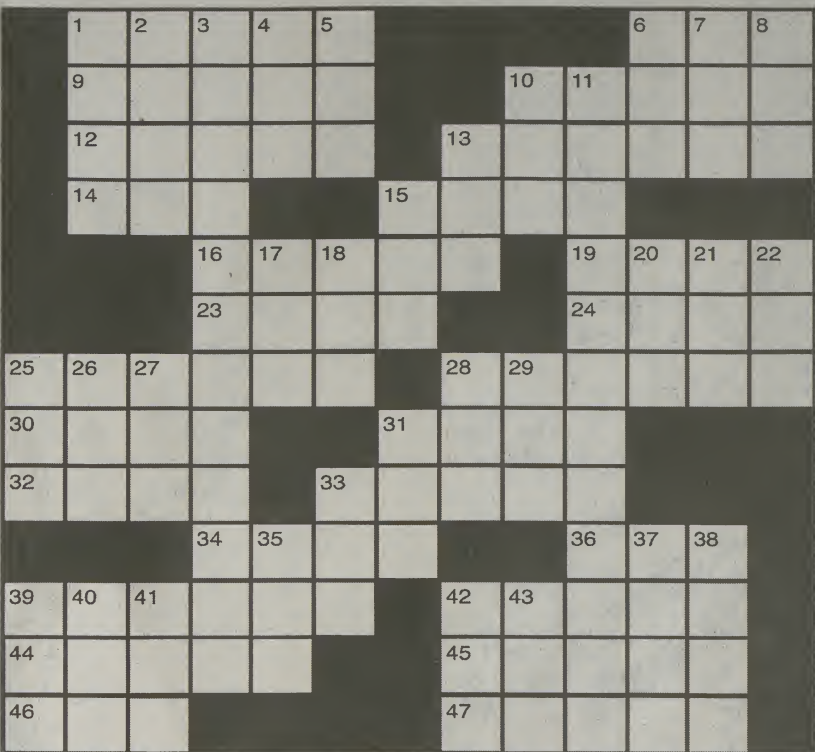
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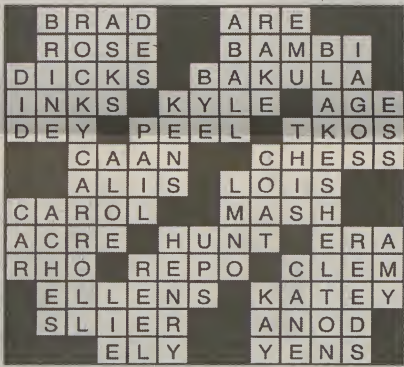
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- 8 Pigeon
- 10 University in Dallas, for short
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- 29 Frothy drink
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- 33 Delaney or Kardashian
- 35 "Car 54, Where ___ You?"
- 37 "___ by Step"; series for Patrick Duffy and Suzanne Somers
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Solution to Last Week's Puzzle



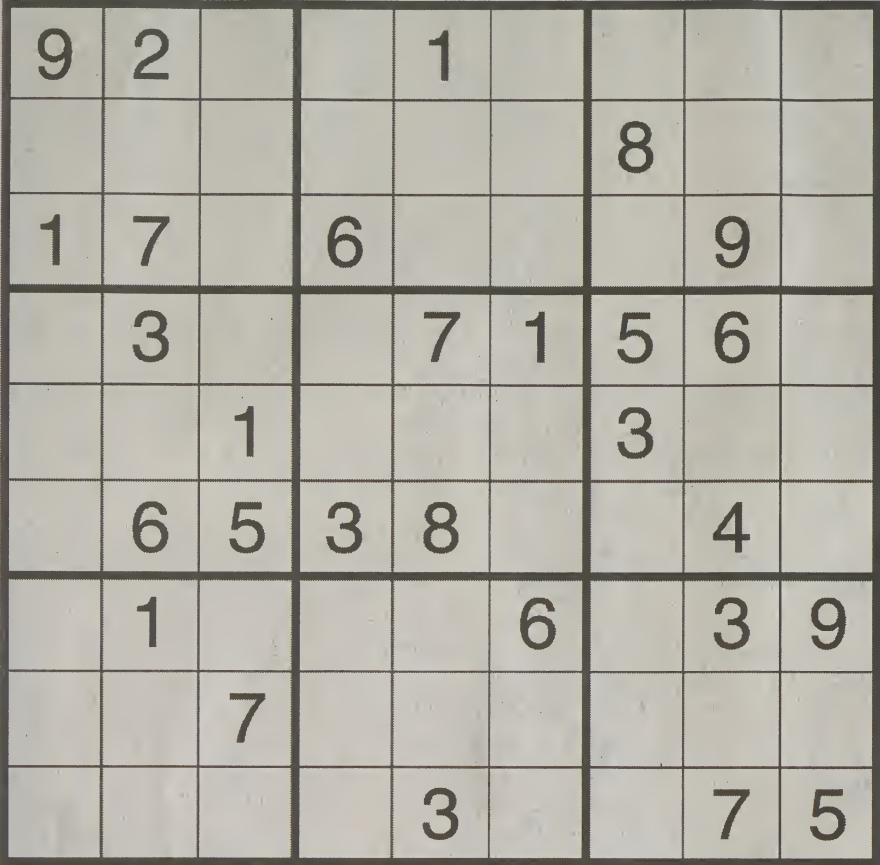
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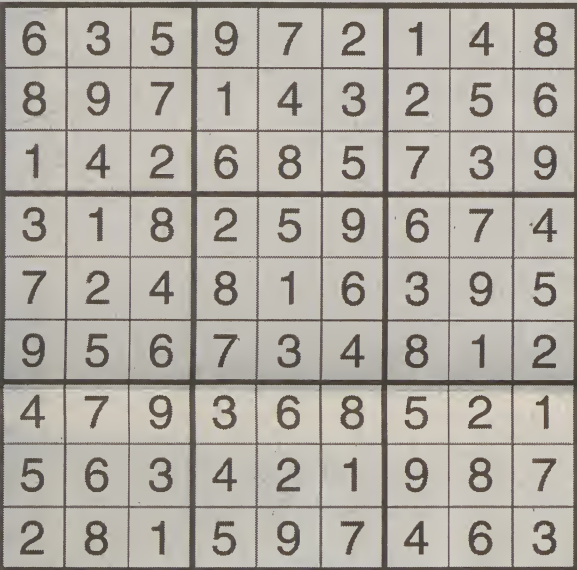
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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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TEXTBOOKS

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"If I'm using someone else's textbook, I'm locked into what they have to say," he said. "With mine, I can add to or take away or even skip stuff."

Ann Clower, manager of College Books on the corner of Fifth Street near TJC, said that around six courses uses custom editions or written textbooks, not including most of the science lab manuals which are professor-written as well.

Clower stated that the appeal of eBooks for e-readers like the iPad or Amazon Kindle is there, but used textbooks, especially TJC custom ones, are typically the better buy.

"They can go online and buy the whole book, but for those [books] that you can't find like the custom ones, they're supposed to be a better price any way," she said. "Nowadays the complete hardback books are so expensive."

Assistant manager Dee Dee Hanson is all for custom edition textbooks and sees the advantage students have with them.

"Bottom line is, those custom books are good. The teachers must have a reason for doing it," she said.

Although the price of college textbooks continues to skyrocket even with the addition of eBooks rising, at least TJC professors keep students in their best interest when trying to save them a buck or two.

"College is an investment in your educa-

tion, so it's not going to be cheap," Thornton said. "It's not going to be free, but I think I have an obligation to make college as affordable as I can for my students."

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'I be on my suit & tie' Dressing it up is the key to success

Story and Design
By Belen Casillas
Managing Editor

A sharp-dress suit can either break or make the outcome of a job interview, and in the competitive world of business, dressing is the key.

It takes everything to succeed from a confident attitude, poised manner and impeccable hygiene to the well-pressed slacks for a college student to get a job.

"It's the whole package," Dijana Armstrong, mathematics professor from Tyler Junior College, said. "You have to have the degree, number one. You have to have the experience, second, but the first impression is important."

Common sense of what to wear and what not to wear can be clarified by a job description. The guidelines of professional dressing are not always clear. New job roles in which the appearance is perhaps not always the main concern, dressing professional is still a must. The rules behind a professional outfit are different in men and women.

For men, a three piece is more appropriate. The pieces include slacks, dress shirt and depending on the preference, the third piece can either be a tie, vest, blazer, or jacket suit. The most have for men is a belt and close toe shoes in good condition either polished or buffed. Depending on the company's requirements, tattoos, facial or long hair, and facial piercings could be discourage, so getting to know the company's policies before the interview is important. With a clean smile, fresh new hair cut and shined shoes, a good first impression is guaranteed.

The same three-piece rule goes for women as well. The pieces are slacks or a knee length skirt, a dress or stylish shirt and the third piece would be a blazer, jacket suit or a cardigan. When picking accessories, a rule to remember is to stay simple and classy. Avoid oversize jewelry, which at times may seem sloppy and distract the interviewee. Shoes with a heel can enhance and pull an outfit more together but flat dressy shoes can be worn as well.

When wearing the right outfit, be confident and obtain the right knowledge about the company who is hiring.

"Clothes matter. Look your best," Armstrong said. "There is way too much competition, so you can be as good as what you do but you have to present yourself at the same level too,"

"The more professional you are and dressed, the more professional you'll be treated. If you're not putting yourself together, if you're not tucking that shirt in, if you are not putting that belt on, you are not going to be treated with that same level of respect," said Kathy Bosley, owner of Clothes Mentor, a resale shop for women located behind Fresh by Brookshire's on Old Jacksonville Hwy.

Bosley, who has had experience in the hiring process for her business, highlighted that the key points of getting hired is in the professional appearance. First impressions and mannerisms also contribute to a successful interview and a potential second interview.

"Even though we have a more casual appearance these days, you can get more respect if you are put together in a more professional way," said Bosley.

Although a job in social media or call center representative is not exactly seen in person by the consumer, the external appearance of any individual plays a major role in the hiring process. Easy to wear and wrinkle free attire is promoted through media channels and may be

appealing to a college students but the truth about professional apparel still stands the test of time in major job positions.

Preparing individuals, who are in search of a job or a career opportunity, is the goal of Workforce Solutions East Texas. With courses on how to build a resume, acquire professional mannerisms and display a professional appearance, they enable a person to sell his or herself for a position. The company is located on Troup Hwy; doors are open to all, including current students.

"The entire appearance comes into play," Steven Lynch, area director of the Workforce Solutions East Texas said. "Your hair, your jewelry, your clothing your shoes, all of that your employer gains an impression from. And so they draw positive things about you when you're well dress."

The key of getting the job is in the input and effort of the professional appearance. With these helpful guidelines a student can potentially have a better chance at a job position.

"Look your best all the times, because you never know when opportunity is going to present itself," said Armstrong.

"The more professional you are and dressed, the more professional you will be treated."

Kathy Bosley,
Owner of Clothes Mentor

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DRESSING FOR SUCCESS Hanro Janse van Rensburg, freshman and Glenda Alvarado, sophomore show off their professional attire. Women's wear by Kathy Bosley owner of Clothes Mentor.